**WHOLE EARTH INSTITUTE**
Possible Projects to sponsor/fund

- Conference on Virtual Reality

  In conjunction with the Global Business Network (GBN), sponsor a session on Virtual Reality - its pros and cons.

- World Game

  With GBN, sponsor the creation of a World Game which could be played by many networked computer individuals working together to come up with feasible solutions to specific global problems.

- Conference on Creating Effective Conferencing Software

  Host a session on creating effective conferencing software which can be used by the WELL, among others. This meeting would bring together Mitch Kapor, Jim Rutt and other WELL users and telecommunication experts who could start the ball rolling.

- Creating an Environmental Resource Library

  Organize, catalog, file and computerize the Whole Earth Library so that it can more effectively serve the needs of the Whole Earth Staff and other organizations and researchers. An application has already been submitted to the Marin Community Foundation for a Planning Grant to start this process.

- Creating an Environmental Database

  Collating the information POINT has collected over the last twenty years on the environment -- books, articles, newsletters and/or groups -- in some comprehensive on-line database, perhaps as an extension of the database chosen to be used for computerizing the Environmental Resource Library. This database could then be offered to other interested individuals through the WELL.

# WEI Conferences

Conferencing Software

Upgrading the WELL
Champion - Mitch Kapor
Other Key individuals: Jim Rutt, Cliff, Hank...

The Business Of The Environment

Serve as initial indicator of whether we can be liaison of Venture Capital/Entrepreneurs
One Day - Odwalla Champion

Virtual Reality

Leaders in the field around the Bay Area
Discuss pros/cons - how to be used...

Questions:

Fee Structure?

Who To pay? (If anyone?)
Different structures?

Who in charge?

What budgets?

Where to be held?

Where are they to lead?

# WEI Consulting

Environmental/Information Resource

Looking Up facts
Seeking Background
Pointing

Whole Earth In General

How To Publish Books...
How To Type Set
Getting something typeset/published...
Meet Stewart Brand...Ken Kesey... (Maybe Best as Fundraiser)

Venture Capital V.S. Entrepreneur

We serve as middle men -- write business plan...
Maybe do conferences like The Business Of The Environment to start ball rolling

Questions:

Fee Structure?

Individuals - who pays for what
Services - What charge

Who in charge? Which Projects?

What budget?

Who to involve?

# WEI Databases

Environmental Resource

Tied into Marin Library System
Provide Central Clearing-House Resource for Bay Area of Books / articles and/or organizations who have done things we feel are "good"
Other ideas

Whole Earth Library In General

Indexed via CD Rom to total index/& updates
Can call in and know book is in-house

Other Databases

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Questions:

Fee Structure?

On-Line--Who pays for what
In Library -- Private Fee Structure...

Who in charge? Which Projects?

What budgets? One person Salary??

Who to involve?

When To do?? (Before/After Software Conference?)

# WEI Library

Environmental Resource

Tied into Marin Library System
Provide Central Clearing-House Resource for Bay Area of Books / articles and/or organizations who have done things we feel are "good"
Maybe have monthly forums for environmental round tables

Whole Earth Research \In General

Indexed via CD Rom to total index/& updates
Can call in and know book is in-house

"Salon" Community Resource

Every-Other Sunday Sessions -- One Topic/people around
Periodic Classes/round tables -- community links

Questions:

Fee Structure?

On-Line--Who pays for what
In Library -- Private Fee Structure...
Salons -- How supported

Who in charge?

What budgets?

What of space? (Is the office going to remain same or what??)

Who to involve? (Alice, Steve, Matisse????)